GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO RURAL ARTISANS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Ministry has sent a proposal of Rs. 35 cores to the Planning Commission for Eleventh Five Year Plan to promote rural handicrafts ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether there is any proposal to train more artisans living and working in the rural areas of the country ;

(d) If so, the details thereof ;

(e) Whether it has been recommended to cover more B.P.L. families there under and if so, the details thereof ;

(f)Whether the Government proposes to increase the number of handicraft centres in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal; and

(g) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)to (g) Special Projects under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) in various sectors are sanctioned for creating large scale livelihood opportunities for rural poor. Such projects also have a component for training of rural artisans wherever required and focus on coverage of maximum beneficiaries belonging to families from Below Poverty Line. No new/specific proposal has been received to be sanctioned as special project under SGSY for training of rural artisans or to increase the number of handicraft centres in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal.